



Weekly Newsletter

10 February 2016

Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai = That which is nurtured will blossom and then grow

Term 1 - Issue 2

Important Dates

Wednesday 17 February	Picnic/Meet the Teacher Evening
Thursday 25 February	BOT Meeting - 7:00pm Staffroom
Friday 26 February	Twilight Gala 4:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday 9 March & Thursday 10 March	Three Way Conferences - individual meetings
Thursday 10 March	School Photos
Monday 14 March - Friday 18 March	Life Education Mobile Classroom at school
Friday 25 March	Good Friday
Monday 28 March	Easter Monday
Tuesday 29 March	Easter Tuesday
Monday 4 April	Bellevue School Athletics day
Monday 11 April	Postponement date for Bellevue Athletics day
Friday 15 April	Final day of Term 1

From The Principal's Desk



Kia ora, Nameste, Talofa, Konnichiwa, Guten Tag, Gidday, Vannakkam, ni Hao, Kia orana, Hola, Salam, Sa wat dee kha, Dia Dhuit, Goeie Dag, Bonjour, Hello, (please let us know the greeting in your language if it is not here)

NZSL

We hope that you had a wonderful Waitangi Day to celebrate the unique heritage of our country, and enjoyed the longer weekend with your children. We wish all our families of Chinese decent the very best for the beginning of the Chinese New year too.

A special thanks to everyone who joined us for the Powhiri last Thursday to welcome all our new students, whānau and teachers to Bellevue School since the Powhiri at the beginning of Term 4 last year. Tino pai rawa. It was lovely to have so many of you at this special welcome for our new people.

Our school has the following broad goals which are included in the Bellevue School Curriculum - Te Aratika o te Kura o Bellevue:-

1. For all students to achieve high standards across the curriculum to assist them in becoming active learners, including strong foundations in literacy and numeracy.
2. Encourage creative and critical thinking skills that promote a mind-set for life-long learning.
3. Foster manaakitanga (values) and whanaungatanga (building relationships + connections) within our wider learning community to develop connected and respectful students.
4. Provide an inclusive learning environment that develops and reinforces Bellevue School curriculum values.
5. Commitment to promoting engagement, learning opportunities and achievement for all.
6. Commitment to supporting learners as they move from Early Childcare to Primary, then Intermediate and College.

Assembly Dates

Friday 26 February	Assembly led by Rooms 10 & 15 - please note the change of date for this assembly
Friday 4 March	Assembly led by Rooms 8 & 13
Friday 18 March	Assembly led by Rooms 1, 2 & 11
Friday 15 April	Singing Assembly

We are looking forward to catching up with you and your children at the 'Meet the Teacher' evening next Wednesday as we work together to achieve these goals. Please look for details of times and locations for each of your child's meetings later in this newsletter so that you do not miss these gatherings. They will provide you with important information to start your child's year of learning so see you at school next Wednesday evening. Have a great week.

Ka kite
Karen



WELCOME

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome the following students to Bellevue school:

Claire Dubuisson in Room 1
Kyson Ward in Room 2
Sally Li in Room 8 (who is visiting from China for the next 2 weeks)

A special welcome to Bellevue School learning community to you and your whānau/family.



Character Education

Perseverance or manawaroa involves us thinking before committing to someone or to something, pacing ourselves and sticking to the goals we set ourselves - even when we

have doubts or things arise that could get in the way. The story of the Tortoise and the Hare is an example of perseverance that you could use when talking with your child/ren. Even though the tortoise could not run as fast as the hare, his perseverance helped him to win the race - he did not let anything stop him or distract him. He kept on going until he got there.



Helping in the school

A school is a community. They say that it takes a village to raise a child, and it takes a community to help shape a school. At Bellevue School we encourage you to be actively involved in your child's learning, talk about your hopes for your child and to help out where you are able.

We are currently looking for parents, grandparents and adults in our community who can help out with some activities at school. We would like some helpers to:-

- read with students for some extra reading practice
- do some weeding with students
- help at Discovery Time (9:00—11:00am on Fridays)

If you are able to do any of these things, please contact the office with the day or activity you are able to support and the times you can help. We look forward to you helping our students become the best that they can be.

Bellevue Behaviour Expectations

At Bellevue School we respect, share and care for all people and property.

Everyone has the right to be respected, safe and to learn.

Our school rules are:-

- Be Kind
- Be Honest
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe

We actively promote our school values of empathy, confidence, respect, responsibility and resilience when working with students as any issues arise. We also encourage them to find ways to fix the situation/problem and think about what they will do differently next time. This is to help children learn from any issues that arise, and to become empowered to work through problems.

Kupu Hou (new word)

ako (verb) (-hia,-na,-ngia,-ria,-tia) (ākona) = to learn, study, instruct, teach, advise.

Pronunciation = ah-kor

Ko ngā mātauranga e akoria ana ko te reo Ingarihi, kōrero pukapuka, tuhituhi me te mapi.

The subjects being taught are English, reading writing and geography.



Thank you

Special thanks to...

Alana, Brodie, Jade and Kahurangi who did such a fantastic job of the karanga at the Powhiri last Thursday.

Ezra, Jacob and Jaxon who did a great job of the whaikorero at the Powhiri too.

To the lovely grandmother who forwarded a very generous donation toward our school playground.



Sausage Sizzles 2016

At this stage we are unsure if Sausage Sizzle Fridays are continuing in 2016 as it depends on having a number of people to help the team who devoted many hours to the cause last year.

Please note, if you can offer an hour of your time on Thursday mornings to process the orders, or on Fridays to cook or help distribute sausages in 2016 please contact Mandy or Shona on:

mackays.nz@gmail.com

If you can assist on a roster we could share the work and continue to provide this lunch option for our students while raising funds for our school.



Help- desks to a good home

If you know anyone who would like a single desk or a set of student desks, please contact the school office asap. We currently have a large number of individual desks in excellent condition that we would like to go to a good home. We need to remove these from Room 7 so that we can use this as a teaching space as soon as possible.



Twilight Fair



Remember the Twilight Fair is on in two and a half weeks time ie: - 26 February from 4:00 - 8:00pm. Join us to have some fun and raise funds for our playground.

Remember to support our fair by contacting the FUNdraisers with how you will help. All profits go towards the new playground for your child's use. We are keen to raise the final \$10,000 so that we can look towards constructing the new playground - maybe in the next school break.

Please help support this great event, and the addition of our new playground for your child to use at school. Our email contact is

fundraisers@bellevue-newlands.school.nz



Arrival Time at School



It is important for students to arrive at school between 8:30 - 8:55am to have time to be ready for the start of their day of learning. It is equally important for the teachers to have the opportunity to prepare for your child's learning programmes. Please note that children are asked not to be at school before 8:30am on school days, unless they attend Kapai Kids 'Before School' programme in the hall. This enables the teachers time to prepare for your child's busy day of learning, then be available to greet your children when they arrive in their classroom at 8:30am.

Safety

PLEASE

Remember to use the pedestrian pathway when you are entering and exiting the school. We have been advised that a number of adults are walking their children to and from their rooms by way of the carpark. This is not a safe practice as the carpark entry is for cars and vehicles.



Please walk with your children through the small gateway and down the pathway that has the number snake on it. Do not enter or exit the school via the car park area if you are walking.

PLEASE NOTE...

The gate to the carpark is closed while the road patrols are on duty so that there is no through traffic or vehicles that cross over the pavement while students are coming to and from school.

PLEASE

Help us to remind any students you see riding a scooter inside the school gate that they need to walk these to/from the scooter rack from the entry/exit gate. Unfortunately one of our young students was knocked over after school last week when she was walking on the pathway as they left school with their parent.

Clear and Open Communication

At Bellevue School we endeavour to work closely with students, parents and families/whānau. We know that misunderstandings can occur between home and school so ask that you work with us to resolve these. We have found that the best way to do this is to contact the school and communicate with the person who can help directly.

If parents/families have something they are not clear about or a concern, we ask that you please use the following procedure so that you are talking with the person who can best help you:-

Arrange a time to meet with the teacher to talk through your concern. If this does not clarify or resolve the issue for you, please talk with their senior teacher.

Our senior teachers are:-

Anne Smith (for teachers in Te Hau Rawhiti - Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

Anna Borrer (for teachers in Te Hau Tonga - Rooms 8, 9, 11)

Deeann Daniels (for teachers in Te Hau a Uru - Rooms 13, 14, 15)

If your child is in Room 1, 10 or 12, then please contact either the **Principal** or **Deputy Principal** as they are the senior teachers for Anne, Anna and Deeann.

If there is still a misunderstanding or concern that has not been resolved, the next person to talk with is the Principal or in her absence the Deputy Principal.

We look forward to building clear and open communication with you to clarify and resolve any issues for you, your child and for their learning.

Smencils

These amazing pencils can be purchased from the school office. Smencil pencils are made from 100% recycled newspaper so are very durable and last for ages. They also have some interesting scents. Smencils cost \$3:00 each or two for \$5:00.



Give-a-Little Website for Playground

The school has a "Give-a-little" page up and running to assist in our fundraising efforts to get a new playground (and so far it is going well). If you can not get to fundraising events but want to support the school, please use this page. There may be grandparents keen to support the needs of their grandkids too? Please share the link on Facebook or with other contacts you may have. Every little bit helps and donations of \$5 or more are eligible for the IRD tax credit J.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/playground4bellevue>



School T-Shirts



Bellevue School T-shirts are available from the school office in blue or green and sizes 6 - 14 for \$20 each.

To view a sample of the T-Shirts, please take a look at them on display in the office foyer. Order forms are available on line, or hard copy at the office. These are great quality T-shirts and raise further funds for our junior school playground.

All profits from T-shirt sales go towards our new school playground.

School Sun Hats



Please note that there are school sunhats for sale at \$15:00 per sunhat, and in three sizes - small (54cm), medium (58 cm) and large (61 cm). To view a sample of these with our school logo on them, please take a look at the display in the office foyer. **All profits from sunhat sales go towards our new school playground.**

Please note that all children are required to wear a sunhat in Term 1 to protect them from harmful UV rays when outside. We respectfully ask that you check that your child has a named sunhat available to use at school everyday. Thank you.

Safer Net Day

Yesterday was international 'Safer Net Day' with the theme of "Play your part for a better internet". If you wish any information or advice in terms of keeping your child/ren safe when using the net, please use the following website to help.

www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/parenting



Our Playground - Our Fair



Supporting this Family Fair helps raise the final funds we need to see the installation of the new playground for your child's use.

Please help support this great event, and the addition of our new playground, by contacting the FUNdraisers with how YOU can help.

You can contact the fundraiser by email
fundraisers@bellevue-newlands.school.nz

Road Patrol Helpers

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to be adult supervisors for the Road patrols this year. We still require supervisors for Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons from 2:55 - 3:15pm. Please contact our Deputy Principal Margaret on:
margaret@bellevue-newlands.school.nz
 or complete the yellow form that went home with the newsletter last week.



School Lunches

Monday Lunches Orders will start again on Monday 15 February. Please make sure your child/ren put their orders into the classroom lunchbox as soon as they arrive at school as the orders are picked by the Lunch company just after 9am. Lunch menus are available at the school office.



Support for Schools

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB loan of \$150,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school: **\$1,000**

To take up this offer, your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 February 2016 and 30 April 2016.

Other terms apply. For full details and to download the voucher visit:
asb.co.nz/schoolbanking

Comedy Night Fundraiser

Grab a group of friends and come along to a night of fun and laughter! Friday 4th March @ 8pm at the Johnsonville Club. The headline act is Wilson Dixon. Tickets are \$30 waged / \$25 unwaged and half the ticket price goes to the school to help build our much needed playground.

Bring your order along to the school office and the FUNdraising Committee will process it and send it to your child's class.



Buzz the People

Too busy to join the committee? Help raise funds for our school by completing online surveys. Sign up to buzzthepeople and every time you complete a survey money will be raised for the school. Most people will receive 1-2 surveys per month and surveys are usually under 10 minutes. Surveys are on topical issues and are carried out on behalf of public organisations like the District Health Boards as well as advertising agencies and media companies. You can take part when it suits you. So sign up now (and ask your friends and family to as well) at:

<http://www.buzzthepeople.co.nz/HelpFundraise.aspx?s=677A4E40>



Wheels/Scooter Days

Children can use their scooters at lunch breaks on Wheels Days which are:-

Tuesday - Te Hau Rawhiti (Rooms 1,2,3,5 + 6)
 Wednesday - Te Hau Tonga (Rooms 8,9,10+11)
 Thursday - Te Hau a Uru (Rooms 12, 13, 14,+15)

Students must wear their helmet to take part at lunchtime, and must be using their own scooter.

Students must wheel their scooters from the entry gate to the scooter rack, and from the scooter rack until they are outside the school gate so that pedestrians are safe inside the school grounds.



Weetbix Kids Tryathlon

Bellevue are entering a team in the 2016 Kids Triathlon 2016.



This is at Kilbirnie Park, in Wellington, on 20 March 2016. Entry is \$39 per student.

The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is for Kiwi kids of all sporting abilities who are aged between 7 and 15. Children can enter as individuals and do all three legs of the TRYathlon by themselves or in a team of two and do either the swim/run or bike/run with a friend.

If you are entering your child/ren outside of school you can link to Bellevue by using the code **BELL1012**

It is not too late to enter. If you would like your child to enter please see Deeann in Room 12 or use the code above to enter directly.

If you have any questions, please email me on

deeann@bellevue-newlands.school.nz

Meet the Teacher

Please join us next Wednesday evening - if it is a lovely night we encourage you to come along with your family/whānau for a picnic in the school grounds from 5:30pm with other whānau, families and our teachers, followed by a Meet the Teachers time from 6:00 - 7:30pm.

Meeting times are:-

6:00pm - Te Hau Rawhiti (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6) in the library.

6:30pm - Te Hau Tonga (Rooms 8, 9, 10 and 11) in Room 11.

7:00pm - Te Hau a Uru (Rooms 12, 13, 14 and 15) in Room 12.

Please note that:

- times are staggered so that you can attend each meeting if you have children in different areas of the school.
- these meetings are a great chance for you to meet your child's teacher, the senior teacher in their area as well as finding out how things work in your child's room/area of the school and the teachers expectations for the year of learning.

We look forward to catching up with you for the picnic if the weather is kind to us, and also at each of your child's meetings.